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2. MODA Signs Request to Purchase Four C-130E Aircraft

On April 6 Prince Sultan, Minister of Defense and Aviation, signed a letter to Lockheed Aircraft International formally expressing the Saudi Government's interest in purchasing four C-130E Hercules aircraft, together with spare parts, ground support equipment, flight and maintenance training, and technical assistance. The total package will cost more than \$15 million. Prince Sultan's letter asked that MODA be informed on or before April 15, 1965, whether or not Lockheed would be able to meet these requirements which include the delivery of two aircraft by July 7, 1965, and the other two within the first half of 1966.
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1. Press Headlines

The attention of the Saudi press during the past week has been almost exclusively devoted to the Hajj and its various aspects. There was some headline attention given to the rather routine news of the Royal Decree granting a petroleum exploration concession to the French firm Regie Autonome de Petrol to explore for oil along the Red Sea littoral and to the signature of the contract with SOFRADEC. A reported Soviet-Communist Chinese agreement to permit the USSR to move arms and materiel for the North Vietnamese across Chinese territory was the headline in an-Nadwa April 8. By contrast, the same paper gave front-page but much less prominent treatment to a brief summary of President JOHNSON's Vietnam speech at Johns Hopkins University. Thus far, there has been no editorial comment in the press on the President's speech. There have been no papers published since April 9. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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